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Before the Federal Communications FCC
Washington, DC

In the Matter of: Schools and Libraries Universal Service
 CC Docket No. 02-6
 Comments on Notice of Proposed Rule Making Submitted by Marian HS

I think the SLD should make available an online list of all approved products/services as a part of the Form 471. It would help in deciding which items are eligible.

As more and more schools are looking to wireless connections I think changes should be made as far as the eligibility of wireless services.

Service providers should give applicants the option of discounted bills or the BEAR reimbursement process.

I think the FCC should require providers to turn-over reimbursement funding within 20 days. Some companies have a tendency to drag things out too long.

As the turn-over rate in equipment changes so frequently, I think discounted equipment should be allowed to be transferred or sold after two or three years. For example, if a school goes from wired to wireless, why couldn't the unused equipment be sold?

It would be nice to try to have other Priority 2 funding available to other entities by restricting the internal connections application after 2 or 3 years in a row.

I think it would be great if applicants could share excess bandwidth with other entities providing educational services during non-school hours. This would be a boost to the community and could help those educational entities that could not afford high speed bandwidth on their own.

I can see how you can overestimate the first couple of years but after two or three years, most schools should be able to predict how much money they would need to provide Internet access. (For example we thought we would spend more on the ISDN line that we use. This year we have a better estimate as to how much we should allocate to Distance Learning.)

Respectfully submitted,

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